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FOLLOWING REPEAT SAIGON 15854 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 15854

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS

SUBJ: ICCS: PRG LETTER OF AUG 31, 73

1. EMBOFF HAS RECEIVED BOOTLEGGED COPY LETTER TO ICCS FROM PRG.  
PRG SUPPLIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS BELOW, COPY OF TEXT IN  
VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED DEPT, EA/VN  
UNDER TRANSMITTAL SLIP.

2. BEGIN TEXT AUG 31 LETTER:

HONOURABLE AMBASSADOR H.R. DHARSONO,  
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HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION

CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCS

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO FORWARD TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE AUGUST 30 NOTE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM ADDRESSED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION EXPOUNDING THE POSITION OF OUR GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE ICCS AND ARTICLE 18(C) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO REQUEST THE ICCS AS REQUIRED BY ITS RESPONSIBILITY, TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE PRG-RSVN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARTICLES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE ICCS.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

CHIEF OF PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION  
TO CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC  
(SIGNED)  
MAJOR GENERAL HOANG ANH TUAN

3. BEGIN TEXT OF AUGUST 30 NOTE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PRG TO ICCS:

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR H.R. DHARSONO, HEAD OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION, CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCS, AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY OF THE FOLLOWING:

ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE ICCS, "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION SHALL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ITS TEAMS, ITS REPRESENTATIVES OR PERSONNEL, OR BOTH, WHEN THOSE TEAMS, REPRESENTATIVES OR PERSONNEL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE TASKS ASSIGNED TO THEM."

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NOW, STEMMING FROM THE PRESENT REALITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM THAT THE ICCS HAS ACCOMPLISHED ITS TASKS OF CONTROLLING AND SUPERVISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS STIPULATED IN ARTICLE 18(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM, THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO CONSIDER IMMEDIATELY THE REDUCTION OF ITS PERSONNEL AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE PROTOCOL REFERRED TO ABOVE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 18(C) OF THE AGREE-  
MENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM, THE TWO SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL AGREE ON THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE  
ICCS TEAMS. THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY  
GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE  
TWP-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION TO PUT DOWN ARTICLE 18(C) OF THE  
AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA OF THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION  
FOR DISCUSSION ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY  
GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT UNTIL THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES  
COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE ICCS TEAMS  
THE ICCS WILL NOT DEPLOY ITS REGIONAL AND LOCAL TEAMS.

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY  
GOVERNMENT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR  
EXCELLENCY, AND THROUGH YOUR EXCELLENCY TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
ICCS, THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SOUTH VIETNAM, AUGUST 30, 1973

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT  
REPUBLIC SOUTH VIETNAM

4. IN TRADITIONAL FASHION, PRG PRESS OFFICER CALLED UPI  
AND READ HIM TEXT OR PORTIONS THEREOF, WHICH WAS BASIS UPI STORY  
LAST WEEK. CALL TO PRESS MADE BEFORE COPIES REACHED ICCS, AND  
WHEN THEY, HUNGDEL AND POLDEL HAD COPIES AT LEAST FIVE HOURS  
BEFORE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH INDODEL AMB DHARSONO.

5. COMMENT: IN THIS NOTE THE PRG IS CLEARLY BUILDING A LEGAL  
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CASE TO SUPPORT ITS MOVE FOR A REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE ICCS.  
IN PARTICULAR IN PARAS 4 AND 5 OF PRG NOTE, COMMUNISTS ARE  
APPARENTLY PREPARING TO DEMAND THAT ICCS REGIONAL AND LOCAL  
TEAMS BE WITHDRAWN. THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY ICCS HEADQUARTERS  
IN SAIGON. ALL THIS FITS WITH CONSISTENT COMMUNIST POLICY  
SINCE BEGINNING OF CEASEFIRE TO HAMSTRING ICCS AND SO WEAKEN IT THAT  
IT CANNOT PERFORM ITS PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS EFFECTIVELY. MARTIN  
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